



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney-Docket No. 040447-0218

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In re patent application of

Kyoichi Nariai

Group Art Unit: 2834

Serial No.: 09/576,492

Examiner: K. Addison

Filed: May 23, 2000

For: PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT DRIVING CIRCUIT AND DRIVING METHOD

**LETTER REQUESTING RESTART OF TIME PERIOD FOR RESPONDING
TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

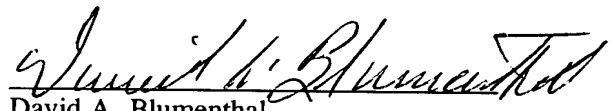
Applicants respectfully request that the time period for responding to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 7, 2001 be reset in order to permit applicants the full benefit of the statutory period for response of three months.

The Office Action was received in our office on January 7, 2002 which is two months after it was mailed from the PTO. My secretary (Linda Andrews) contacted Examiner Addison on January 14, 2002 to advise her of the facts and request that the time period for response be reset. Examiner Addison agreed that such time period would be reset but as of yet applicant has not received any official notification of the resetting of the time period.

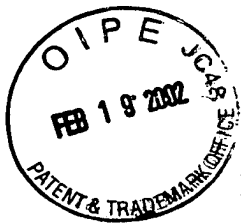
Thus, this letter is simply being filed to make of record the facts as indicated above and to request that the PTO restart the time period for response.

Respectfully submitted,

February 1, 2002
Date


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Assistant Commissioner:

I hereby certify that the following paper(s) and/or fee along with any attachments referred to or identified as being attached or enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a) on the date of deposit shown below with sufficient postage and in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231.

1. Letter Requesting Restart of Time Period for Responding to Office Action
2. Postcard

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